

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Please amend claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a medical support system comprising the steps of:
providing patient terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of patients;

providing medical institution terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of medical institutions; and

providing a management server, each patient terminal being connected with the medical institution terminals and the management server via a network, the medical institution terminals being connected with the management server via a network,

wherein said step of providing said management server comprises storing in a medical information storage device ~~for storing~~ medical information of each patient and ~~a medical information control device~~ for controlling an input and output of said medical information of each patient into and from said medical information storage device, the medical information including medical records, examination results, and medical images, and

wherein said step of controlling the input and output of said medical information via said medical information control device ~~is configured to, includes the steps of~~

upon receiving a request from a patient terminal of a first patient among the plurality of patients to upload in said management server medical information of said first patient managed by a medical institution among said plurality of medical institutions, ~~transmit~~ transmitting upload permission key data for uploading said medical information of said first patient in said management server and a content of said medical information of said first patient to be uploaded by the request to ~~said a~~ medical institution terminal of said requested medical institution from the managing server;

transmitting said upload permission key data from said medical institution terminal to the managing server;

upon receiving said upload permission key data transmitted from said medical institution terminal to the managing server, authenticate authenticating validity of said upload permission key data with the managing server, transmit transmitting from the

managing server to said medical institution terminal a permission response for transmitting said medical information of said first patient to said management server, and ~~defer~~ deferring upload of said medical information of said first patient in the managing server; and

upon receiving said medical information of said first patient transmitted from said medical institution terminal, ~~store~~ storing said medical information of said first patient in said medical information storage device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for a medical support system comprising the steps of:
providing patient terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of patients;

providing medical institution terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of medical institutions, said plurality of medical institution including a first medical institution and a second medical institution; and

providing a management server, each patient terminal being connected with the medical institution terminals and management server via a network, the medical institution terminals being connected with the management server via a network,

wherein said step of providing said management server comprises storing in a medical information storage device ~~for storing~~ medical information of each patient and ~~a medical information control device for controlling an input and output of said medical information of each patient into and from said a~~ medical information storage device, the medical information including medical records, examination results, and medical images, and

wherein said step of controlling the input and output of said medical information includes ~~said medical information control device is configured to,~~

upon receiving a medical information download request for downloading and viewing medical information of a first patient among the plurality of patients from a medical institution terminal of a medical institution among the plurality of medical institutions, ~~transmit~~ transmitting a content of said medical information download request to a patient terminal of said first patient from the managing server;

upon receiving a permission response for downloading said medical information of said first patient from said patient terminal, ~~transmit~~ transmitting download permission key data which permits said a medical institution terminal of

said first patient medical institution to download and view said medical information of said first patient to said medical institution terminal from the managing server; and

upon receiving said download permission key data transmitted from said medical institution terminal to the managing server, authenticate authenticating validity of said download permission key data with the managing server and transmit transmitting said medical information of said first patient to said medical institution terminal from the managing server.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for a medical support system comprising the steps of:
providing patient terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of patients;

providing medical institution terminals configured to be used individually by a plurality of medical institutions; and

providing a management server, each patient terminal being connected with medical institution terminals and management server via a network, the medical institution terminals being the management server via a network,

wherein said step of providing said management server comprises storing in a medical information storage device ~~for storing~~ medical information of each patient, and ~~a medical information control device~~ for controlling an input and output of said medical information of each patient into and from said a medical information storage device, the medical information including medical records, examination results, and medical images,

wherein said step of controlling the input and output of said medical information via said medical information control device ~~is configured to includes~~

upon receiving a medical information reference request from a first medical institution terminal of a first medical institution among the plurality of medical institution to allow a medical institution terminal of a second medical institution among the plurality of medical institution to download and view said medical information of a first patient among the plurality of patients, transmit transmitting a content of said medical information reference request to a patient terminal of said first patient from the managing server;

upon receiving a permission response from said patient terminal of said first patient to permit said medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to download and view said medical information of said first patient, transmit-

transmitting download permission key data to permit said medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to download and view said medical information of said first patient to said second medical institution terminal from the managing server;
and

upon receiving said download permission key data transmitted from said second medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to the managing server, authenticate authenticating validity of said download permission key data with the managing server and transmitting said medical information to a second said medical institution terminal of said second medical institution from the managing server.

4. (Currently Amended) A medical support method in a management server, said data management institution connected via a network to a patient terminal of a patient, a first medical institution terminal of a first medical institution, and a second medical institution terminal of a second medical institution respectively, wherein said management server comprises a medical information storage device for storing medical information of the patient and a medical information control device for controlling an input and output of said medical information into and from said medical information storage device, the medical information including medical records, examination results, and medical images, the method comprising the steps of

(1) a reference request step for, upon receiving a medical information reference request from said first medical institution terminal to allow a medical institution terminal of said second medical institution, to which said patient is introduced, to download and view said medical information of said patient, with said medical information control device, transmitting a content of said medical information reference request to said patient terminal of said patient from the managing server;

(2) a reference permission step for, upon receiving a permission response from said patient terminal to permit said medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to download and view said medical information, with said medical information control device, transmitting download permission key data to permit said medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to download and view said medical information to said second medical institution terminal from the managing server; and

(3) a reference execution step for, upon receiving said download permission key data transmitted from said ~~second~~ medical institution terminal of said second medical institution to the managing server, with said medical information control device, authenticating validity of said download permission key data with the managing server and transmitting said medical information to said ~~second~~ medical institution terminal of said second medical institution from the managing server.